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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: SECVISIT LA - MANAGUA

1. I HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY A TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE DEPARTMENT THAT SOME QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED REGARDING THE USEFULNESS AND NECESSITY OF HAVING THE LUNCHEON TENDERED IN YOUR HONOR TO INCLUDE WIVES. THERE IS SOME INDICATION APPARENTLY THAT THERE IS A PREFERENCE FOR A " WORKING LUNCHEON". WHILE I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DESIRE TO MAKE THIS SHORT VISIT AS BUSINESSLIKE AS POSSIBLE, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY WISH TO POINT OUT FOR YOUR ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

(1) IT IS NOT THE GENERAL CUSTOM IN NICARAGUA TO HAVE STAG LUNCHEONS WITH VISITING DIGNITARIES AND SUCH A LUNCHEON WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM LOCAL CUSTOM.

(2) SINCE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE DURING THE SHORT TIME THAT YOU ARE HERE TO HAVE ANY TYPE OF SOCIAL EVENT SUCH AS A RECEPTION, THE ABSENCE OF ANY FORM OF QUASI SOCIAL EVENT INCLUDING LADIES WOULD CREATE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS.

(3) THE STRONGLY EXPRESSED DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE HIGHEST RANKING LADIES OF NICARAGUA BOTH IN THE PUBLIC AND IN THE

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PRIVATE SECTOR HAVE ALREADY INDICATED TO ME A CIRCUMSTANCE IN WHICH THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS DISAPPOINTMENT IF THEY WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE LUNCHEON.

(4) SINCE "SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS" IN NICARAGUA CAN IN ESSENCE ONLY BE SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED ON WITH GENERAL SOMOZA AS THE DE FACTO RULER OF THE COUNTRY, ANY EFFORT TO CARRY ON "SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS" IN A LARGE LUNCHEON OF MEN WOULD BE BOTH INHIBITING TO HIM AND TO THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH HIM.

(5) ON THE BASIS OF ASSURANCES PREVIOUS GIVEN TO ME BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT A MIXED LUNCHEON WAS ACCEPTABLE, INVITATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUED AND ACCEPTED BY ALL RANKING GUESTS. I FEEL THAT ANY EFFORT TO CHANGE THIS NOW WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND EMBARRASSING.

2. IN VIEW OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS I WOULD SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO ACQUIESCE TO THE LUNCHEON AS PRESENTLY PLANNED. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A WORKING SESSION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR YOU WITH GENERAL SOMOZA AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND A WORKING SESSION HAS ALSO BEEN ARRANGED FOR UNDER SECRETARY CASEY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

3. I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR AN IMMEDIATE REPLY.
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